

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

ROCK CREEK NETWORKS, LLC, Plaintiff v. VIA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Defendant	Case No. 6:21-cv-00231 JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Rock Creek Networks, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “RCN”) files this Complaint against Defendant Via Technologies, Inc. (“Via” or “Defendant”) for infringement of RCN’s patent: U.S. Patent No. 6,671,750 (PX-750 attached).

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff and patent owner RCN is a Texas limited liability company with its headquarters and principal place of business in Waco, Texas.
2. On information and belief, Defendant Via is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business at 8F, 533 Zhongzhen Rd., Xindian Dist. New Taipei City, 231 Taiwan ROC.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This is a patent suit brought under the United States Patent Act, namely 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, and 284-285, among other laws. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. Defendant Via maintains an office in this judicial district located at 7600 C North Capital of Texas Highway, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78731.

5. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). Defendant markets, sells, and delivers accused products in this District, directs and instructs customers and end users how to use the accused products in this District, and has committed acts of infringement in this District.

NOTICE OF RCN'S PATENT

6. Plaintiff is the owner, by assignment, of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,750 (the "'750 Patent"), entitled LAN INTERFACE, which issued on December 30, 2003. A copy of the '750 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit PX-750.

7. RCN possesses all rights of recovery under the Asserted Patents.

8. Defendant has been on notice of the '750 Patent at least as early as the date it received service of this complaint.

VIA'S PRODUCTS

9. On information and belief, Via makes, imports, sells, offers to sell, distributes, licenses, markets and/or uses Fast Ethernet Controllers such as Rhine III

VT6105M, VT6106H, and VT6106S/L (“the Accused Products”).

<https://www.viatech.com/en/silicon/legacy/networking/rhine/>.

10. The Accused Products feature low power consumption, including Wake On LAN (WOL).

Rhine VT6107 PCI Fast Ethernet Controller



The VIA Rhine VT6107 Fast Ethernet controller is a cutting edge, feature-rich, single-ASIC solution for LAN-on-motherboard applications. By optimizing the throughput between the NIC and the PCI bus, the VT6107 drastically reduces CPU utilization and allows a transfer rate of up to 200 Mbps in full-duplex. The VT6107 supports advanced power management features for low power consumption, including Wake on LAN (WOL), and is implemented in a low power CMOS process.

<https://www.viatech.com/en/silicon/legacy/networking/rhine/vt6107/>.

The Accused Products conform with the IEEE 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE).

<https://www.realtek.com/en/products/communications-network-ics/item/rtl8125ap-cg>.

This mode saves energy by putting part of the transmission circuit into low power mode when a link is idle so that the Ethernet links use power only during data transmission. The Accused Products also provide a wake-on LAN functionality.

<https://www.realtek.com/en/products/communications-network-ics/item/rtl8125ap-cg>.

11. According to Realtek, the Telco-class Layer 2 Gigabit Carrier Ethernet Switch includes advanced QoS capabilities.

https://www.zyxel.com/in/en/uploads/images/ds_mgs3712c.pdf.

RTL8221B(I)-CG

INTEGRATED 10/100/1000M/2.5G ETHERNET TRANSCEIVER

<https://www.realtek.com/en/products/communications-network-ics/item/rtl8221b-i-cg>.

Id

Features

- Compatible with IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.3u, IEEE 802.3ab
- Supports IEEE 802.3az (Energy Efficient Ethernet)
- Supports IEEE 802.3bz (2.5GBASE-T)
- Supports Full Duplex flow control (IEEE 802.3x)
- Supports IEEE 802.3 optional ability (Energy Efficient Ethernet and Fast Retrain)
- Integrated 10M BASE-T_e and 100M/1000M/2.5GBASE-T IEEE 802.3 compatible transceiver
- Supports 2.5G Lite (1G data rate) mode
- Auto-Negotiation with Extended Next Page capability (XNP)
- Compatible with NBASE-T™ Alliance PHY Specification
- Supports pair swap/polarity/skew correction
- Crossover Detection & Auto-Correction
- Configurable MDI port ordering (MDI swap) for easy PCB layout
- Supports hardware CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) function
- Supports power down/link down power saving mode
- Supports clause 22 and Clause 45 MDC/MDIO management interface
- Supports rate adaptor for SerDes
- Selectable SERDES interface to MAC control (SGMII/HiSGMII/2500 BASE-X)
- Built-in Wake-on-LAN (WOL) over UTP
- Supports Interrupt function over UTP
- Supports Parallel Detection
- Supports PHYRSTB core power Turn-Off

Id.

COUNT I
INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,671,750

12. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

13. The '750 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

14. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '750 Patent.

15. The Accused Products are designed to connect to provide interactive services using applications.

16. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims, including Claim 1, of the '750 Patent by making, using, importing, selling, and/or, offering for sale the Accused Products in the United States without authority.

17. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '750 Patent either directly or through the acts of inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

18. Defendant encourages others, including their customers, to use the Accused Products in the United States without authority.

19. Claim 6 of the '750 Patent recites:

6. A LAN interface comprising:

a LAN controller for processing a signal transmitted from a terminal
connected to an I/O bus and then transmitting a processed signal

to said counter device, and for processing a signal transmitted from said counter device and then transmitting a processed signal to said connection device;

a separator connected between said LAN controller and said I/O bus, for electrically disconnecting said LAN controller from said I/O bus; and

a link pulse detector for operating on a predetermined voltage supplied via said I/O bus and detecting a link pulse from said counter device connected to said connection port; and

wherein said link pulse detector, when detecting a link pulse output from the counter device, controls the LAN controller and the isolation section to controllably bring them to an operation state thereof and, when not detecting a link pulse output from the counter device, controls the LAN controller and the isolation section to controllably bring them to a non-operation state.

20. As exemplified in the information referenced in the above paragraphs and the use of one or more of the Accused Products, the Accused Products include a LAN interface that has LAN controller for processing a signal transmitted from a terminal connected to an I/O bus and then transmitting a processed signal to said counter device, and for processing a signal transmitted from said counter device and

then transmitting a processed signal to said connection device.

21. The Accused Products have a LAN interface that has a separator connected between said LAN controller and said I/O bus, for electrically disconnecting said LAN controller from said I/O bus.

22. The LAN interface includes a link pulse detector for operating on a predetermined voltage supplied via said I/O bus and detecting a link pulse from said counter device connected to said connection port.

23. In operation, the link pulse detector, when detecting a link pulse output from the counter device, controls the LAN controller and the isolation section to controllably bring them to an operation state thereof and, when not detecting a link pulse output from the counter device, controls the LAN controller and the isolation section to controllably bring them to a non-operation state.

24. Defendant's infringing activities are and have been without authority or license under the '750 Patent.

25. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's infringing acts, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter judgment against Defendant:

1. declaring that the Defendant has infringed the '750 Patent;
2. awarding Plaintiff its damages suffered as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '750 Patent;
3. awarding Plaintiff its costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and
4. granting Plaintiff such further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

Dated: March 9, 2021

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